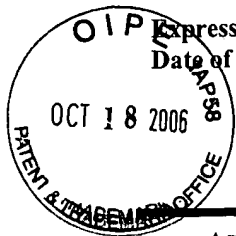


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated April 18, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (14 pages);
2. Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.191 (1 page);
3. Check Number 3448 in the amount of \$250.00 for the appeal fee;
4. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);
5. Check Number 3447 in the amount of \$510.00 for the Extension Fee; and
6. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York.

No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Ref. No. **27353-501** UTIL. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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